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Title: **SEALING METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING HIGH-PERFORMANCE GAS...****COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

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In re Application of:

Yoshiki Sasaki et al.

Serial No.: 09/786,958

Filed: July 2, 2001

For: SEALING METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR
MANUFACTURING
HIGH-PERFORMANCE GAS
DISCHARGE PANEL

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Dear Sir:

In the Notice of Allowance it was erroneously indicated that one of the priority documents, No. 10-119446 had not been received. The Notice of Allowance is in error, the priority document in question is actually 11-119446.

On November 3, 2004 we contacted the WIPO in Geneva, Switzerland and requested that they transmit the missing priority document to the USPTO and were assured this would be done before our deadline to pay the Issue Fee of November 24, 2004. Upon following up with Examiner Ngo we were informed that the priority document has not been received. A second follow up call to the Customer Service department of Group 2831 verified that the document still had not been received.

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Today we called the WIPO in Geneva again to inquire on the transmittal of the priority document and spoke with a different representative who informed us that we should not have been requested to provide the priority document and that the US Patent Office is responsible for contacting the WIPO and obtaining the priority document. There is also a website that the PTO has access to that would provide a copy of the priority document. The representative was given Examiner Ngo's name and number and we were told that the WIPO would sort out the problem with the PTO.

We accordingly would appreciate confirmation when the correct priority document has been received by the United States Patent Office from the International Bureau of WIPO. This is a document that should have been forwarded by WIPO along with the other priority documents. The assistance of the Examiner regarding this matter would be appreciated.

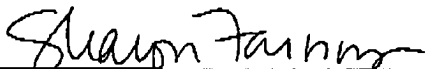
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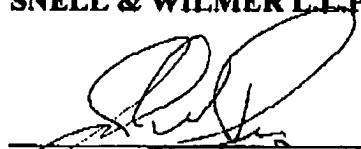
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